

1. (AMENDED) A back light assembly for a liquid crystal display device having a display area, comprising:

a mold frame having first and second end portions;

lamp supporters at the first and second end portions of the mold frame;

a lamp having first and second end portions, the lamp supporters receiving the lamp, the lamp being disposed in a lower portion of the display area;

a reflection sheet over the mold frame and below the lamp;

a diffusion plate over the lamp; and

a diffusion plate supporting member between the reflection sheet and the diffusion plate, wherein only a portion of the diffusion plate supporting member contacting the diffusion plate comprises an elastic material.

17. (AMENDED) The back light assembly for a liquid crystal display device of claim 1, wherein the diffusion plate supporting member has a conical shape including a top portion and a bottom portion, the top portion having a smaller circumference than the bottom portion.

19. (AMENDED) The back light assembly for a liquid crystal display device of claim 18, wherein the top portion of the support portion has a first conical shape and the bottom portion of the support portion has a second conical shape, the second conical shape being larger than the first conical shape.